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**(54) CHAT SYSTEM AND TERMINAL EQUIPMENT,  
 DISPLAY METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
 OF THE SYSTEM**

**(57) Abstract:**

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To provide a chat system having an information extraction function that is attained by computerizing a notification function and chats which are used in an office working mode by displaying the chats of plural channels on each area of a single display screen via a terminal equipment.

**SOLUTION:** In this system, a chart server, i.e., a host computer is connected to plural terminal equipments such as a personal computer, etc., via a network of a public circuit. A display screen of the terminal equipment includes an upper area 23 where the chats of a channel (main channel) that is currently noticed are displayed and a lower area 24 where the chats of other channels are displayed. A center area 22 is secured between both areas 23 and 24 to display the speeches which are inputted via a keyboard prepared at hand. Furthermore, a right end area 25 displays a list of names of the chat participants.

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